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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

- 1. WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO UPI ARTICLE BY OHAD GOZANI DATELINED TEL AVIV RE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY 18 BY ISRAELI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF PLANS TO EXPAND SIX SETTLEMENTS ON WEST BANK. CITING UNNAMED ISRAELI OFFICIAL, ARTICLE NOTES THAT PLAN CALLES FOR 38,000 FAMILIES TO MOVE INTO AREA NOW POPULATED BY 2,500 PEOPLE, AIMED TO CREATE SECURITY RING AROUND JERUSALEM BY EXPANDING SETTLEMENTS EAST AND SOUTH OF JERUSALEM AREA AND ALONG JERUSALEM-NABLUS ROAD.
- 2. THRUST OF ARTICLE IS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS APPARENT PROTEST AGAINST "U.S. WAR PLANES SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA AND CONFIDENTIAL

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EGYPT." ALSO NOTED IS FACT SETTLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE TIME TABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION WITH QUOTE FROM UNNAMED OFFICIAL: "IT IS ONLY A PROPOSAL AND NOTHING CAN BE DONE UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT TAKES A DECISION."

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE RE ACCURACY OF STORY AND POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE. AMBASSADOR

LEWIS SHOULD RAISE SUBJECT IN HIS FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH

DAYAN. SHOULD THERE BE SUBSTANCE TO ARTICLE, AMBASSADOR SHOULD ASK DAYAN HOW THIS SQUARES WITH HIS STATEMENTS TO SECRETARY DURING MOST RECENT VISIT THAT SITUATION RE SETTLEMENTS WAS "UNCHANGED" FROM EARLIER DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING LIMITED NUMBER OF SETTLEMENTS IN MILITARY FACILITIES.

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